

ALL THE NEWS AND GOSSIP IN THE SPORTING WORLD

RACES OPEN ON SPEEDWAY TRACK

Robin Hood Captures First Event of Afternoon.

PROVES TOO FAST FOR FIELD

Dr. Chase Wins the Free-for-all, Beating Glidewood by a Length, but Judges Penalize Him for Breaking Pace and Give Race to Glidewood—Seventh Race Close.

The Potomac Speedway was formally opened yesterday afternoon for the racing season of 1910.

The class B pace commanded first attention. The contestants were the room gelding, Robin Hood, owned by Javins Brothers; Black Patchin, owned by Austin Loftus and driven by D. J. McCarthy; Charley Hal, driven by Mr. Emmet, and Cora Wiggins, owned and driven by P. J. Steinher. Robin Hood was too fast for his field, and finished the race in straight heats, the time being 1:13½ and 1:09. D. J. McCarthy made an excellent showing with Black Patchin, which came in second.

After showing some unsteadiness in the first heat in the colt trot, which heat was won by Pauline Cozine, Alto Dewey had his field at his mercy. His closest competitor in the three heats was the handsome Cozine colt, Dr. Sainsbury, behind his good colt Prince George, made some gallant tries, but the young stallion did not seem to have his usual speed with him, and came last each heat. The time in the first heat, won by Palm Cozine, was relatively slow, 1:34. The second heat, won by Alto Dewey, was more classy, as it was trotted in 1:13, and the young stallion in the third and last heat came back in the same notch.

Old Bedford Boy brought home the goods in the third event in straight heats. Fair Nancy put up a good fight, but she could not beat the Bay. Fred Wilkes astonished every one by his speed and staying qualities, and Ockstadt deserves credit by the way he handled the reins over him. Jubilant demonstrated that he needs at all times the Indiana garments to do his level best and his owner will do well to take the hint generously. Bedford Boy reeled off the first heat in 1:38 and paced the second heat in 1:36.

Goodacre Wins Race.

The announcement of the free-for-all put the spectators on edge. From fall or the flag Miss Arcola started out to make the pace. Dr. Chase got off rather badly, but made up lost ground rapidly with his long strides. Miss Arcola, however, had him on his toes after rounding the bend for a certain distance, and he went into the air. Corbin, at this juncture, set sail with Glidewood, and overruled Arcola. In the meantime, Goodacre got the Doctor again on his stride and the big sorrel gelding made for the wire like a cyclone wave, passing first under the wire, beating Glidewood a length and Arcola two lengths. The judges, however, decided to penalize Chase for his long run by setting him last, and gave the heat to Glidewood. The next heat was also won by Glidewood, with Miss Arcola in second place and Dr. Chase last.

Dr. Chase trotted the first heat in 1:34. Glidewood paced the second heat in 1:31 flat. Arcola paced the first quarter of the first heat in 0:36 4-5, which shows what a wonderful brush she possesses, equaling the time made for the distance by some of the best horses on the grand circuit.

All entries in the half-mile's trot declined the issue except Russell G. and David S. Russell G. had the best of the heat, trotted in 1:39.

Andrew Gleason's Lady Cozine and E. F. Hall's Miss Mary, were the only two entrants in the colt pace.

Seventh Race Is Close.

The seventh and last race was a close contest between Gentle John, Flexina, Gold Peble, and Lady Kushan. The first heat seemed easy for Gentle John, with Flexina a good second, Gold Peble third, and Lady Kushan last. In the second heat Gentle John looked to have the heat clinched, when John suddenly went into the air. Samsbury was quick to seize the advantage, shook up Gold Peble, and landed first under the wire.

In the third heat Gold Peble dashed again, John going to a break in the middle of the last quarter, and into another break near the wire. Flexina trotted a splendid heat, and landed second. John was third and Lady Kushan again last.

The time in each of the three heats was in 1:30. It was decided before the meeting came to a close to hold a meeting of the Drivers and Riders' Association at 8 p.m., Tuesday evening next, in the parlors of the Metropolitan Hotel.

The judges and timers of the afternoon events were Gen. Charles Haywood, Jr., Tally, C. J. Clapp, Mr. Bone, and P. V. De Gratz. Thomas Baldwin wielded the flag and Frank Morris acted as his assistant. B. F. McCauley was announced in-chief.

STAIR-CLIMBING MARATHON.

Government Employee Sets a New Mark for Climbing Monument.

A. P. Connor, an electrical engineer in the Treasury Department, in order to silence doubters as to his athletic abilities, ran up and down the Washington Monument steps yesterday in thirteen minutes and ten seconds in the presence of a Washington Herald representative.

This time is the best ever put out for a Marathon stair-climbing race, and is more remarkable when it is known that it was performed without any especial training or removal of ordinary clothing.

The total time walking to the monument, running up and down and walking back to the Treasury was thirty minutes.

Mr. Connor says he will not feel a bit jealous if any one beats this time, but hopes they won't.

WALTER LAMONT WINS PRIZE.

Proves Most Proficient Athlete at Naval Academy.

Annapolis, Md., May 18.—Midshipman Walter D. Lamont, of New York, has been awarded the athletic association award as the most proficient athlete of his class. He was captain of the Academy gymnasium team, which did not meet a defeat during the year, and the all-round expert gymnast of the Academy.

MIDWAYS WIN AT LAST.

Break Into Won Column by Trounce, Navy Yard, 4 to 2.

By Jones' brilliant pitching yesterday afternoon at Capitol City League Park, the Midways won their first game of the season by defeating Navy Yard in a six-inning contest. Jones, who twirled in Suburban League last season, pitched excellent ball for the Mount Pleasant boys, holding the Southeast lads to three singles. His support was very ragged, three costly misfires being registered behind him. He sent four back to the bench on strikes and walked but two men.

"Dutee" Schaefer did the receiving for the winners, and, although he is marked up with an error, "Dutch" caught a good game. Schaefer also landed on one of Conner's inshoots for a double in the fifth and came home when Chappells singled.

Conner was touched up hard for a total of nine bobbles, two of which went for extra bases, and he was very wild, letting four reach first on wide ones.

With "Shorty" McCarthy on second, Daly connected with the horsehide for a terrific drive to left field for three sacks, but was called out for not touching first. George Kraft proved to be the hero with the stick, clouting out two singles out of three times up. He had an off day in fielding, fumbling two easy chances.

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